

Amendments to the Claims

20. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article, the method comprising:

a first step of applying an adhesive on at least one of a first web and a second web;

a second step of sandwiching an elastic member between the first and second webs and combining the first and second webs and the elastic member together, thereby producing a combined web; and

a third step of weakening a portion of at least one of the first and second webs and a portion of the elastic member;

wherein at least the second web includes an area on which a graphic member is to be adhered.

21. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article, the method comprising:

a first step of applying an adhesive on at least one of a first web and a second web;

a second step of sandwiching an elastic member between the first and second webs and combining the first and second webs and the elastic member together, thereby producing a combined web; and

a third step of melting a portion of at least one of the first and second webs and a portion of the elastic member, thereby reducing a shrinking force of the elastic member in the melted portion;

wherein at least the second web includes an area on which a graphic member is to be adhered;

the elastic member located under at least a portion of the area melts in the third step; and

the graphic member is at least one of a label and a tape.

22. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article, the method comprising:

a first step of applying an adhesive on at least one of a first web and a second web;

a second step of sandwiching an elastic member between the first and second webs and combining the first and second webs and the elastic member together, thereby producing a combined web; and

a third step of melting a portion of at least one of the first and second webs and a portion of the elastic member, thereby cutting off the elastic member;

wherein at least the second web includes an area on which a graphic member is to be adhered;

the elastic member located under at least a portion of the area is cut off in the third step; and

the graphic member is at least one of a label and a tape.

23. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article, the method comprising:

a first step of applying an adhesive on at least one of a first web and a second web;

a second step of sandwiching an elastic member between the first and second webs and combining the first and second webs and the elastic member together, thereby producing a combined web; and

a third step of cutting off a portion of at least one of the first and second webs, and the elastic member;

wherein at least the second web includes an area on which a tape is to be adhered; and

the elastic member located under at least a portion of the area is cut off in the third step.

24. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 21, wherein:

the third step is performed by passing the combined web between an embossing roll having a plurality of protrusions and a counter roll; and

an interval of the protrusions in a direction of a rotation axis of the embossing roll is about 1 mm to 25 mm.

25. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 22, wherein:

the third step is performed by passing the combined web between an embossing roll having a plurality of protrusions and a counter roll; and

an interval of the protrusions in a direction of a rotation axis of the embossing roll is about 1 mm to 25 mm.

26. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 23, wherein:

the third step is performed by passing the combined web between an embossing roll having a plurality of protrusions and a counter roll; and

an interval of the protrusions in a direction of a rotation axis of the embossing roll is about 1 mm to 25 mm.

27. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 21, wherein the third step is performed by passing the combined web between an embossing roll having a lattice portion and a counter roll.

28. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 22, wherein the third step is performed by passing the combined web between an embossing roll having a lattice portion and a counter roll.

29. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 23, wherein the third step is performed by passing the combined web between an embossing roll having a lattice portion and a counter roll.

30. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 21, wherein a first charge is applied to an area of at least one of the first and second webs where the adhesive is to be applied, and a second charge different from the first charge is applied to the adhesive to be applied.

31. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 22, wherein a first charge is applied to an area of at least one of the first and second webs where the adhesive is to be applied, and a second charge different from the first charge is applied to the adhesive to be applied.

32. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 23, wherein a first charge is applied to an area of at least one of the first and second webs where the adhesive is to be applied, and a second charge different from the first charge is applied to the adhesive to be applied.

33. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 21, wherein the elastic member is at least one of a string rubber, a flat rubber and a meshed rubber.

34. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 22, wherein the elastic member is at least one of a string rubber, a flat rubber and a meshed rubber.

35. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a disposable worn article according to claim 23, wherein the elastic member is at least one of a string rubber, a flat rubber and a meshed rubber.